

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

II. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 13-15 and 17-21 are pending, of which claims 13 and 18 are independent. By this amendment, claims 13 and 18 are amended (see explanations below). Applicants hereby confirm the status of claim 16 as being cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

III. SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

In the outstanding Office Action, the rejection over prior art is withdrawn. Also in the Office Action, claims 13-15 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

IV. THE REJECTIONS OF THE CLAIMS

A. The Rejection of Claims 13-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 13-15 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner objects to the term “independent” in claims 13 and 18, and the phrase “wherein a rolling piston of the second stage chamber is connected by a shaft to a rolling piston of the fourth stage chamber and the rolling piston of the first stage chamber is connected by a shaft to a rolling piston of the fifth stage chamber” in claim 18 as not being described in the written description.

In response, claims 13 and 18 are amended to delete the term “independent” and the wherein clause of claim 18 is also deleted. In view of these claim amendments, Applicants

request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

V. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entrance of these amendments. Because the pending claims do not stand rejected under prior art, Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (124166-00101). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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